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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

# In the claims:

Amend claims 4, 5, 15 and 16 as follows:

4. (Once Amended) A system according to claim 2, wherein said system further comprises a Web server which is located on the network and has a Web site from which the request key can be acquired, and

said notary server comprises URL information notification means for transmitting by electronic mail URL information of the Web site to an electronic mail address designated by said first terminal apparatus.

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